

## FLOOD CONTROL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Washington

June 30, 1938

TO FIELD FLOOD CONTROL COORDINATING COMMITTEES:

(Through BAE, FS, and SCS)

There follows: 1) pertinent sections of Public 591 (H.R. 10291) which include appropriations to the Department of Agriculture under the Flood Control Act of 1936, as amended; and 2) pertinent sections of Public 761 (H.R. 10618) which define the authority of the Department to carry out investigations and operations under the Flood Control Act of 1936, as amended.

Printed copies of these complete bills have been ordered and a supply will be sent to the field.

PUBLIC NO. 591 - 75th Congress - 3d Session  
(H.R. 10291)

AN ACT - Making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes, namely: \*\*\*

Flood Control

Flood control: <sup>1/</sup> For the construction of certain public works on rivers and harbors for flood control, and for other purposes, in accordance

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1/ "To be immediately available \*\*\* and to remain available until expended."





with the provisions of the Flood Control Act, approved June 22, 1936, as amended (49 Stat. 1570-1595; 50 Stat. 517-518, 876-881), and the Act of August 25, 1937 (50 Stat. 806), including printing and binding, and office supplies and equipment required in the Office of the Chief of Engineers to carry out the purposes of this appropriation, the purchase (not to exceed \$33,250) of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles and motorboats for official use, and not to exceed \$3,000,000 for preliminary examinations and surveys of flood-control projects authorized by law, \$82,000,000: Provided, That \$7,000,000 of this appropriation shall be transferred and made available to the Secretary of Agriculture, and of such sum not to exceed \$3,000,000 shall be available for preliminary examinations and surveys, as authorized by law, for run-off and waterflow retardation and soil-erosion prevention on the watersheds of flood-control projects, and not to exceed \$4,000,000 shall be available for the prosecution, under plans to be approved by the Secretary of Agriculture, of works of improvement for measures of run-off and waterflow retardation and soil erosion prevention upon the watersheds of waterways for which works of improvement for the benefit of navigation and the control of destructive floodwaters and other provisions have been or hereafter may be adopted or authorized by law, including the employment of persons in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, purchase of books and periodicals, printing and binding, rent in the District of Columbia, the purchase (not to exceed \$75,000) of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles and motorboats, and for other necessary expenses.

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PUBLIC NO. 761 - 75th Congress - 3d Session  
(H. R. 10618)

AN ACT - Authorizing the construction of certain public works on rivers and harbors for flood control, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter, Federal investigations and improvements of rivers and other waterways for flood control and allied purposes shall be under the jurisdiction of and shall be prosecuted by the War Department under the direction of the Secretary of War and supervision of the Chief of Engineers, and Federal investigations of watersheds and measures for run-off and waterflow retardation and soil erosion prevention on watersheds shall be under the jurisdiction of and shall be prosecuted by the Department of Agriculture under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture, except as otherwise provided by Act of Congress.

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Section 5. That, in carrying out the purposes of this Act, the Secretary of War and the Secretary of Agriculture are hereby authorized to cooperate with institutions, organizations, and individuals, and to utilize the services of Federal, State, and other public agencies, and to pay by check to the cooperating public agency, either in advance or upon the furnishing or performance of said services, all or part of the estimated or actual cost thereof; and to make expenditures for personal services and rent in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, for purchase of reference and law books and periodicals, for printing and binding, for the purchase, exchange, operation, and maintenance of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles and motorboats for official use, and for other necessary expenses.

Section 6. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to cause preliminary examinations and surveys for flood control including floods aggravated by or due to tidal effect at the following-named localities, and the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to cause preliminary examinations and surveys for run-off and water-flow retardation and soil-erosion prevention on the watersheds of such localities; the cost thereof to be paid from appropriations heretofore or hereafter made for such purposes: Provided, That no preliminary examination, survey, project, or estimate for new works other than those designated in this or some prior Act or joint resolution shall be made: Provided further, That after the regular or formal reports made as hereby authorized on any examination, survey, project, or work under way or proposed are submitted to Congress, no supplemental or additional report or estimate shall be made unless authorized by law or by resolution of the Committee on Flood Control of the House of Representatives or the Committee on Commerce of the Senate: And provided further, That the Government shall not be deemed to have entered upon any project for the improvement of any waterway mentioned in this Act until the project for the proposed work shall have been adopted by law:

Thames River and its tributaries, Connecticut.

Chittenango Creek and its tributaries, New York.

Ellicott Creek, New York.

Smokes Creek at Lackawanna, New York.

Bellows Pond and Canada Lake drainage area, Fulton County,  
New York.

Kayaderosseras Creek, Fish Creek, and their tributaries, and  
Saratoga Lake, New York.

Frankford Creek, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

Big Elk Creek and Elk River, Cecil County, Maryland.

Smith River and its tributaries, Virginia and North Carolina.

Tensas River, Franklin, Madison, Tensas, East Carroll, Concordia,  
and Catahoula Parishes, Louisiana.

Bayous Rapides, Boeuf, Cocodrie, and the watersheds thereof from  
their source in Rapides Parish to their outlet in Saint Landry Parish,  
Louisiana.





East bank of Red River, beginning at the south bank of Loggy Bayou at the hill line, and thence along the south bank of Loggy Bayou to the east bank of Red River, and from thence along the east bank of Red River to Coushatta Bayou, Red River Parish, Louisiana.

Salt Fork of Red River and its tributaries, Oklahoma.

Kiamichi River, Oklahoma.

Sulphur River, Texas.

Lavaca River, Texas.

Santa Isabel Creek, located northwest of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

Smackover Creek, in Union, Ouachita, and Nevada Counties, Arkansas.

Bartholomew Bayou of Ashley and other counties, Arkansas.

Ouachita River near Calion, Arkansas.

Six Mile Creek in Logan County, Arkansas.

Cadron Creek, Arkansas.

Black River, Missouri and Arkansas.

Republican River, Beaver and Sappa Creeks, Kansas and Nebraska.

Fox River and its tributaries, Missouri.

Chariton River, Missouri.

Dam at northern end of Fox Island, Clark County, Missouri.

Pecos River and tributaries, Texas and New Mexico.

Grand River and tributaries, Missouri.

Henderson River, Illinois.

Kaskaskia River, Illinois.

Embarrass River, Illinois.

Rock River, Illinois.

McCraney Creek, Hadley Creek, Kaiser Creek, Six Mile Creek, and Bay Creek, and their tributaries in Pike County, Illinois.

Rochester and McClearys Bluff Levee Unit on Wabash River, Illinois.

England Pond Levee Unit on Wabash River, Illinois.

Russell and Allison Levee Unit on Wabash River, Illinois.

Tri Pond Levee Unit on Wabash River, Illinois.

Wabash River at Terre Haute, Indiana.

Lost River and tributaries in the vicinity of Orleans, Indiana.

Miami River, Ohio.

Chagrin River and its tributaries, Ohio.

Muskingum River and its tributaries, Ohio.

Cowan Creek, Ohio.

Short Creek and its tributaries, in Jefferson and Harrison Counties, Ohio.

Tiffin River and its tributaries, Ohio and Michigan.

Bellevue Conservancy District, Ohio.

Hocking River, Ohio, and in the vicinity of Athens, Ohio.

Waccamaw River, North and South Carolina.

Deckers Creek, Monongalia County, West Virginia.

Soldier River, Iowa.

Perry Creek, Iowa.

Hay Creek, Goodhue County, Minnesota.

Wells Creek and Bullard Creek, Goodhue County, Minnesota.

Red Lake River, and its tributaries, Minnesota.





Clear Water River, Minnesota.

Gila River and tributaries, Arizona and New Mexico.

Virgin River and tributaries, in Nevada, Arizona, and Utah.

Kanab Creek, Utah and Arizona.

Streams draining into the Great Salt Lake, and the Great Basin,  
Utah and Nevada.

Short Creek, Arizona and Utah.

Beaver Dam Wash, Arizona, Utah, and Nevada.

Colorado River and its tributaries above Lees Ferry, Arizona.

Humboldt River and tributaries, in Nevada.

Owyhee River and tributaries, in Nevada.

Saint Regis River, Montana.

Flathead River and tributaries in Flathead County, Montana.

Rio Grande and tributaries, Colorado, above the Colorado-New  
Mexico boundary line.

La Plata River, Colorado.

Paonia (North Fork of Gunnison River), Colorado.

West Divide, Colorado.

Mancos River, Colorado.

Yampa River, Colorado.

Montezuma River, Colorado.

Kremmling, Troublesome River.

Apishapa River, Colorado.

Long's Canyon, Colorado.

Wray, Colorado.

Fountaine Qui Bouille River, Colorado.

Pembina River and its tributaries, North Dakota.

Kootenai River and tributaries, Idaho.

Boise River, Idaho.

Carson River and tributaries, in California and Nevada.

Walker River and tributaries, in California and Nevada.

Truckee River and tributaries, in California and Nevada.

Humboldt River and tributaries, in Nevada.

Virgin River and tributaries, in Nevada, Arizona, and Utah.

Owyhee River and tributaries, in Nevada.

Sonoma Creek, California.

Streams in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties draining the Santa  
Monica Mountains, California, directly into the Pacific Ocean.

North Fork of the Yuba River, at city of Downieville and vicinity,

Sierra County, California.

Santa Ynez River and its tributaries, California.

Santa Marguerita River and its tributaries, California.

Deer Creek in the county of Tehama, California.

Paynes Creek, Tehama County, California.

Cottonwood Creek, Shasta and Tehama Counties, California.

Battle Creek, Shasta and Tehama Counties, California.

Cow Creek, Shasta County, California.

Mill Creek, Tehama County, California.

Napa River and its tributaries, California.





San Lorenzo River, in Santa Cruz County, California.

Naselle River, in Pacific County, Washington.

Lands below and contiguous to Vancouver Lake area in Clark County, Washington, with a view to providing flood protection for low-lands along Columbia River between Whipple Creek and mouth of Lake and/or Lewis Rivers.

Willapa River, in Pacific County, Washington.

Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Rossville, Georgia.

Section 7. That in order to effectuate the policy declared in sections 1 and 2 of the Act of June 22, 1936 (Public Numbered 738, Seventy-fourth Congress), and to correlate the program for the improvement of rivers and other waterways by the Department of War with the program for the improvement of watersheds by the Department of Agriculture, works of improvement for measures of run-off and water-flow retardation and soil-erosion prevention on the watersheds of waterways, for which works of improvement for the benefit of navigation and the control of destructive floodwaters and other provisions have been adopted and authorized to be prosecuted under the direction of the Secretary of War and supervision of the Chief of Engineers, are hereby authorized to be prosecuted by the Department of Agriculture under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture and in accordance with plans approved by him. For prosecuting said work and measures there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$10,000,000 to be expended at the rate of \$2,000,000 per annum during the five-year period ending June 30, 1944. Provided, That such works and measures which are herein authorized to be prosecuted by the Department of Agriculture may be carried out on the watersheds of the Rio Grande and Pecos Rivers subject to the proviso in section 2 of the said Act of June 22, 1936.

Section 8. That there is hereby authorized an expenditure of not to exceed \$375,000 per annum, from any appropriations heretofore or hereafter made for flood control by the United States, for the establishment, operation, and maintenance by the Weather Bureau of a current information service on precipitation, flood forecasts, and flood warnings, whenever in the opinion of the Chief of Engineers and the Chief of the Weather Bureau such service is advisable in connection with either preliminary examinations and surveys or works of improvement authorized by the law for flood control purposes, and the Secretary of War upon the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers is authorized to allot the Weather Bureau funds for said expenditure.

Section 9. That the sum of \$375,000,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated for carrying out the improvements herein over the five-year period ending June 30, 1944, and the sum of \$10,000,000 additional is authorized to be appropriated and expended in equal amounts by the Departments of War and Agriculture for carrying out any examinations and surveys provided for in this Act and any other Acts of Congress, to be prosecuted





by said Departments. The Sum of \$1,500,000 additional is authorized to be appropriated and expended by the Federal Power Commission for carrying out any examinations and surveys provided for in this Act or any other Acts of Congress, to be prosecuted by the said Federal Power Commission.

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Flood Control Coordinating Committee

By: A. C. Ringland,  
Chairman.

by this Department. The fact that the Department is authorized to  
be organized and expanded by the Federal Reserve Commission is  
not any reason for not doing so in the case of any other  
kind of business, as is evidenced by the fact that the Federal Reserve

Department has 10,000.

It is desired to have the following:

Dr. J. C. [Name]  
Chairman